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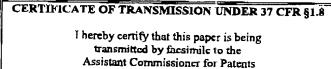
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Office Action, mailed July 18, 2002. This communication is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply and therefore no extension of time should be due.

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Replace claims 1 and 20 with the following amended claims:

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1. (Twice amended) An oral pharmaceutical dosage form comprising a core material coated with a semipermeable membrane, wherein:

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the core material comprises an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of omeprazole, an alkaline salt thereof, S-omeprazole and an alkaline salt thereof, one or more alkaline additives, one or more swelling agents, and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable excipients;

the membrane consists essentially of a water-insoluble polymer and a modifying agent and is able to disrupt; and

the dosage form is not enteric coated

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20. (Twice amended) A process for the manufacture of a dosage form as defined in claim 1, comprising forming the core material and coating the core material with the semipermeable membrane, wherein the dosage form has no enteric coating.

Add new claim 27.

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27. The dosage form according to any one of claims 11-13, wherein the core material further comprises an osmotic agent.

REMARKS

I. Claim amendments

Claim 1 has been amended by deleting the "comprising" language from the definition of the semipermeable membrane. As amended, the semipermeable membrane consists essentially